

## **Commander's Welcome**

Welcome to Heidelberg!

A city that attracts some 3 million tourists a year and is the home of United States Army Garrison Heidelberg (USAG-HD) and its supported population of approximately 20,000 Soldiers, Civilians, Retirees, and their Families. USAG-HD is the home of United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, V Corps, Installation Management Command-Europe, as well as numerous other units and major headquarters.

Our mission is to provide the best community in Europe with Safety, Security, and quality Installation Services. Soldiers assigned here can rest assured that their families will be taken care of as they focus on mission accomplishment.

Heidelberg prides itself on being an academic city as the home of the world-famous University of Heidelberg founded in 1386. Among the university's graduates can be counted 29 Nobel Prize Laureates. International students make up about 20% of the student population.

Located about an hour south of Frankfurt International Airport on Autobahn 5, Heidelberg is conveniently located for visitors as well as those who live within the community. Go just a few hours by car or train in any direction and you could find yourself in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, or the Czech Republic.

All the facilities and services you need can be found either on our installations or on the local economy. USAG-HD has schools, churches, medical facilities, recreational facilities, banks, a variety of stores, and all other necessities.

An assignment to Europe is often a once in a lifetime experience and Heidelberg is the location of choice. Take advantage of serving near the banks of the Neckar River, following in the footsteps of Mark Twain during your tour.

The USAG Heidelberg welcomes you to Germany!

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Commanding